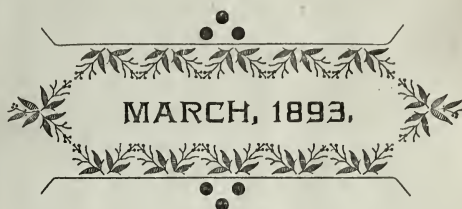


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## Duties of Members of the Grace Reformed Church.

It shall be the duty of every member to labor diligently to promote the well-fare of the church, and contribute according to his or her ability to the support of the church, and to such objects as require the contributions of the congregation. A neglect of such duty and of attendance upon divine service and the Holy sacrament for one year shall be sufficient to subject any member to discipline, or forfeiture of membership.

## How Can I Become a Member of the Grace Reformed Church?

Answer. If you have not as yet been baptized you may be admitted by a profession of faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, and by baptism and confirmation. If you was baptized in infancy you will be admitted by a profession of faith and confirmation. If you are a member in full and regular standing with some other church you may be received by securing a letter of dismissal from your church, and upon presentation of this letter to the church consistory you will be elected to membership in Grace Church. If you have been a member of some church and have no letter you will be received by reprofession of faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. Any other information you may wish relating to your becoming a christian and a member of Grace church, feel free to consult with the pastor, he will be glad to give you any counsel you may wish. At our Easter communion our church doors will be open for applicants. This will be your time to come into the church. A large number of applicants are already upon the pastor's book for membership on this day. Do not neglect this opportunity.

## Lost—A Runaway Boy.

He fell in with bad companions. Lost his money and good name. Came to shame, sorrow, hunger and rags. He thought of home, repented and came back, became an obedient son and a useful man.

A series of seven sermons on the parable of the Prodigal Son, by the pastor, illustrated with twelve large Bible paintings. Four of these sermons have already been delivered to large and appreciative audiences.

The following are the dates of the topics for the remaining sermons in the series:

Sabbath evening, March 19, "The Young Man's Return," "The Welcome Home," "Confession," "Forgiveness," "Acceptance," "Adoption," "Ye Must be Born Again." Text: "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet." Luke, 15:22.

Wednesday evening, March 22: "The Joy of Salvation," "The Father's House," "The Banquet," "The Guests." Text: "Bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry." Luke, 15:23.

Thursday evening, March 23: "The Angry Brother," "Pouters," "Grumblers," "Hypocrites." Text: "And he was angry and would not go in." Luke, 15:28.

## At Work.

THE Soliciting Committee is slowly pushing its work ahead, and finds a favorable response from all our people as far as the canvas has been made. As soon as our special evangelical services are concluded, the pastor will devote his entire time to this work for a few weeks.



### Why You Should Join Church.

There are many who think they can be Christians just as well without joining the church. This is a great mistake. Christ has joined the church. So intimate is his connection with it, that he affectionately calls it his church, his body; he is its head. Such confession of him is not optional. He has said: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father." As Cortez entered Mexico, burning his ships behind him, so every Christian must go irrevocably over to Christ.

The Christian can do more good in the church. Organized and united efforts are most effective. It was the great army of the Potomac, not unenlisted single shooters, that took Richmond. Any Christian who thinks he can do a better service to the cause as an outside skirmisher stands a better chance of capture than of laurels.

A Christian is more likely to live and grow in holiness within the church. A tree outside of the orchard fence will be exposed to the abuse of every passer by, and will soon die. The sequence of staying out of the church is to get farther and farther out. The fact of being publicly pledged is always a stimulus, and soul anchor. Becoming an inside worker, will prevent one from becoming an outside critic.

Within the fold of the church one can consistently partake of the sacraments. Every Christian is to be baptized, and to partake of the Lord's Supper. "This do in remembrance of me," is the command of Christ. If one stays away from the Lord's table, because he thinks there are hypocrites at the table, let him remember that he does not partake of them, but of the body of the Lord.

Joining the church is the only consistent course any Christian or any one hoping to become a Christian can take. In neither politics, reforms, nor religion, do men make a success of standing on the fence. One of the common excuses is, "I am not fit to join church." This may be only a modest expression of humility, and as such it is not to be found fault with. The only

fitness possible is that which Christ's blood provides.

Some recoil from the new duties which a public profession necessitates. This is certainly not looking at religion on its valiant side. One who aims at being only just enough of a Christian to be saved, runs the risk of not being saved at all.

If any think the church is too stiff, or dull, or worldly, then it is capital, missionary grounds; and they are just the ones to come in and help correct its blemishes. Many good souls wait outside the church to determine first, how long they will hold out, overlooking the fact that church membership is a divinely appointed means of holding out in the Christian life. On this cautious plea youths are often dissuaded from joining church. Suppose a farmer, finding a new-born lamb out in the icy sleet, at nightfall should say, "If I find it is going to live through the night, I will bring it into the barn in the morning and take care of it." So many parents talk about their children coming into the church. And no doubt many babes in Christ die outside of the fold, making experiments in toughening, in the cold.

Some believing wives stay out of the church waiting for their husbands to become converted, and join with them, not realizing that the strongest argument is example, and that their course is only confirming their companions in an irreligious life.

To one fearing that he will bring dishonor in the church, let me say, Christ will take care of his church; the great question is, what is to become of you.

Many hesitate from fear that they may regret joining the church. Possibly they may. It is just for these times, when the storm of passion, or temptation, or of despair, has siezed upon our bark, that a strong anchorage to the church proves serviceable.

It is a great step to join the church, but it is a greater step not to join. First join Christ "Get married to Him," and then join Ais church. Take this matter to heart. On bended knees think of your duty as well as of your soul's need, and your privilege. Join the church that you may grow in grace, that you may do effectual work for the Lord in saving your friends. Be not an ambush soldier of your Lord. Belong to his full uniformed and organized army.

## The Pastor's Note Book.

THE Lord is risen.

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EASTER Communion, April 2nd.

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LAY aside something for your Easter offering.

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THE interest in our gospel meetings is not abating.

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STILL coming—subscriptions for the VISITOR—Have you subscribed?

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MRS. MATTIE JACKSON, spent Sabbath, March 5th, with Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, at Defiance, Ohio.

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OUR church doors will be thrown wide open on Easter Sabbath, and a cordial welcome extended to all who may wish to make their church home among us.

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MISS MARY RUDISIL, was lately detained from our services for a few weeks on account of illness, but is able again to be with her class of boys in the Bible school and at our meetings.

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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER recently made a delightful visit with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Schaaf, of Louisville, Ky. They found the pastor and his family quite well and happy, and doing a good work in their field of labor.

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OUR gospel meetings which have been in progress for several months past, have been greatly blessed. The church is becoming thoroughly awakened, and revived. At no time during the present pastorate has the attendance upon our Sabbath services been so large, and so inspiring. At no time prior have the people been so eager to win souls for the master as they are now. The out-look of the church has never been so promising as now, and the prospects for a great harvest of souls so hopeful. We have already a large number of applicants for membership at our Easter communion, April 2nd, while scores of others are standing at our doors and are available for the church. Is not the harvest both plenteous and ripe? Let us not grow weary in praying and toiling. Our meetings will continue until the Easter communion.

MR. CHARLES KLINE, of Findlay, Ohio, brother of Mrs. Martin Connett, who was in the city, February 4th, to attend the funeral of his mother, upon his return passed through a very sad bereavement in his own home. During his absence his little babe aged about three months, took sick and he arrived home just a few hours before its death. The sorrows and afflictions of life are sometimes almost more than human heart can endure, but there is one upon whom we may cast our cares and sorrows, "for he careth for us." Mr. and Mrs. Kline have the prayers and sympathies of their friends here in their bereavement.

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## With the Angels.

"Gone before,  
To that unknown and silent shore,"

Grover Orlando, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gloyd, residing near Colingswood, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 21st, aged four months and three days. The visit of this little one to this home was of but brief duration. As a flower of the field so it flourished. For the wind passed over it, and it was gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. It was like an angel visit; and though so brief, the babe endeared itself to the hearts of all in the home. These parents have passed through many sad and trying afflictions. Five times death has come to this home, and five dear little ones have gone to join the company of angels and the redeemed. A whole garden of celestial flowers are now blooming in the Land of perennial sunshine and never withering flowers. Though sad and sorrowing, yet what a delight to look beyond the shadows and tears of the present and in the "bright forever" behold this group of little ones, safely anchored and in the fullness of heavenly bliss, waiting for the coming of others until by and by the family circle shall be complete. Sweet voices are ringing out from yonder port like "harbor bells" to those on the troubled waters of life, "This way, this way, lo! here is rest."

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Cemetery Chapel, near Hometown, in the presence of a large company of sympathizing friends and neighbors.



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**Could not Afford to Give.**

It might be profitable for the members of Grace church just at present to read the following from the *Youth's Companion*:

A man who attempted to raise some money on a subscription paper for a necessary church out West relates his experience as follows:

"The first man I went to see was very sorry, but the fact was he was so involved in his business that he could not give anything. Very sorry, but a man in debt as he was owed his first duty to his creditors. He was smoking an expensive cigar; and before I left his store he bought of a peddler who came in a pair of expensive Rocky Mountain cuff bottoms.

"The next man I went to see was a young clerk in a banking establishment. He read the paper over, acknowledged that the church was needed, but said he was owing for his board, was badly in debt, and did not see how he could give anything. That afternoon, as I went by the base-ball grounds, I saw this young man pay fifty cents at the gate and go in, and saw him mount the grand stand where special seats were sold for a quarter of a dollar.

"The third man to whom I presented the paper was a farmer living near the town. He also was sorry; but times were hard, his crops had been a partial failure, the mortgage on his farm was a heavy load, the interest was coming due, and he

really could not see his way clear to give to the church, although it is was just what the new town needed. A week from that time I saw that same farmer drive into town with his entire family and go to the circus, afternoon and night, at an expense of at least four dollars.

"The Bible says, 'Judge not, that ye be not judged;' but it also says, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' And I really could not help thinking that the devil could use that old excuse, 'In debt,' to splendid advantage, especially when he had a selfish man to help him."

**At the Parsonage.**

The marriage of Mr. Frank Jewell to Mrs. Sarah Amos last evening was a complete surprise to their many friends. The groom for eight years has been prominently connected with the business affairs of the Robert Spice company, on West Main street, and is very popular in mercantile circles. The wedding was very quiet and the Rev. Zartman performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell will be at home at once at 138 East Berry street.—*Daily Sentinel*, March 2nd.

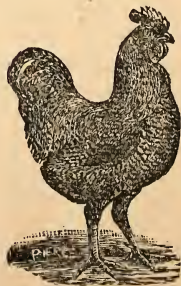
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Bible School Hour: Sabbath Morning 9:30.

## Postage Stamps.

Some of the children of the Bible school have been gathering stamps and are desirous that others may assist in this work. Every one should be interested in helping the little folks along. The stamps may be postage, revenue, or telegraph, and may be from United States or any other country. Torn stamps will not be accepted. Those printed on envelopes must be cut out square, leaving a margin around the stamp of one-half inch. All other stamps must be soaked off of the envelopes. Save your stamps and be ready to hand them in when called for.

OFFERINGS in the Bible school for the month of February:

February 5, - - - - -	\$4 06
“ 12, - - - - -	4 83
“ 19, - - - - -	3 74
“ 26, - - - - -	8 42

Total, - - - - - \$21 05

Class giving largest amounts on each Sabbath:

February 5. Class, Miss Nellie French, teacher, \$1.21.

February 12. Class, Martin Connett, teacher, \$1.15.

February 19. Class, Martin Connett, teacher, \$1.13.

February 26. Class, Miss Nellie French, teacher, \$2.83.

WHICH class in the Bible school will have the largest collection on Easter day. The estimate should be made in proportion to the number of scholars in the class.

THE class of Miss Nellie French and that of Martin Connett are having it “nip and tug,” about the collections. What other classes will enter the contest. For a change let us have a “dark horse now and then.”

SEVERAL architects are now preparing plans for our auditorium. These plans will be ready to be submitted to the congregation about the 1st of April.

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE supper given by the ladies on the evening of March 9th was highly commented upon. "Everything was just as good as could be," was the general expression of those present. When the next social in Grace Church is announced, we shall hope for a good attendance. Do not allow a little rain to prevent your coming. Encourage the ladies by giving your presence, and bring your friends with you.

WHAT shall we say to those who never have any time to do church work, but always have plenty of time to attend to the affairs of the world? When the church needs help they have so many home duties to perform; but when the merry world says, "come!" they give their service, and walk so closely with the world,

"That only the Master who knoweth all,  
 Can tell the two apart."

God is delighted with a whole-hearted service. If we serve Him well we will not have any time left for the trifling things of the world.

### Easter Week Services.

Sabbath morning, March 26th (Palm Sunday). Sermon: "The King's Ovation."

Sabbath evening, March 26th. Sermon: "What is it to be a Christian?"

Wednesday evening, March 29th. Sermon: "Judas Betraying His Master."

Thursday evening, March 30th. Sermon: "Christ Before Pilate, and Pilate's Question."

Friday evening, March 31st, Preparatory Services. Sermon: "The Death Upon the Cross." Every member of the church is expected to be at this service. Also all the applicants for church membership.

Easter morning, April 2d, Holy Communion. Baptism of children and adults, and reception of members.

Sabbath evening, April 2. Sermon: "The Meeting in Jerusalem on the Resurrection Evening."

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 Weekly Prayer Meeting, Sabbath Evening, 6:45 P. M.

## Prayer Meeting Topics and Leaders.

March 19. Temperance Meeting. Prov. 23:15-23. Ida Mast.

March 26. Promise Meeting. (Bring a promise that you have tested.) Matt. 24:35; Isa. 40:8. Lillie Vordermark.

April 2. Easter Service. John 11:25; John 14:19. Katie Pence.

April 9. Our deliverer in time of trouble. Job 5:19-22; 2 Cor. 12:9-10. Mrs. James Lonergan.

April 16. How can we find God? Job 23:3; Luke 11:9-13. Martin Connett.

April 23. Praying for friends. Job 42:8-10; Phil. 1:4-10. Mary Rudisil.

April 30. My choice. What is it? Consecration meeting. Prov. 1:29; Matt. 6:19-24. Josie Zartman.

Monthly meeting, Tuesday evening, April 4th.

THE District Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be held at Columbia City, March 28th and 29th. The following are delegates from our society: Miss Ida Mast, Miss Mary Rudisil and A. K. Zartman. The number of delegates from each society in the district has been limited to three persons. Entertainment will be provided for this number only. The facilities of going to the convention and returning are such that it is hoped many more of our members than the regular delegates will attend. There are a number of trains west during the day and returning after the close of the evening meetings.

## Easter Offering.

Don't forget to lay something by for an offering on Easter. The children and young people of the Bible school are practicing self-denial, so as to be able to bring large offerings to the Lord on this day. The church should do the same. In due time envelopes will be furnished to the Bible school and church for these offerings. This will be a special offering aside of the weekly payments, and will be equally divided between these two objects, Classical Apportionment and the Bible School's building fund. What shall be the total of the Easter offerings?

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Josie Zartman .....80  
 Alice Connett.....70½  
 Mrs. C. H. Gumpper.....50  
 Chester Driftmeyer.....40

In a letter received by the pastor from Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Baker, Tiffin, Ohio, dated February 24th, there were enclosed twenty-five cents for the VISITOR, and one dollar for the new church building. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have charge of the Ladies' Boarding Hall at the university, and are old friends of the pastor. We very much appreciate their gift to the church and thankfully acknowledge the same. At their request the dollar was passed over to the brick builders' fund.

MARCH 25th, the last Sabbath in the month, will be the day for the brick builders to report and settle for the brick sold during the month. Who will be able to report the largest amount for month? It will be the builder that worked the most faithful.

## Gospel Meetings at the Salem Church.

Beginning with Monday evening, Feb. 13, the pastor held a week's service with the Reformed church at Collingswood. These meetings were greatly blessed. From the very beginning the Holy Spirit's presence was manifest. The attendance was large and the people heard the gospel with gladness. Services were held afternoons and evenings of each day. It has been a long time since we witnessed such an outpouring of the Spirit upon a church and such a genuine revival among the Lord's people. A number of persons in this church expressed themselves as never before having enjoyed such a blessing from the Lord, as during these services. There were a number of accessions to the church, while others who for several years had not taken an active part in the work of the Master, again consecrated themselves to the Lord. We feel assured that the church has been strengthened, and that these people have entered upon a new epoch of activity and devotion to the Lord and the church.

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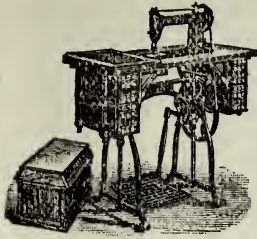
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